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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR NIMEIRI RE ME PEACE TALKS AND OAU
SUMMIT

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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO NEW OAU
CHAIRMAN NIMEIRI IS TO BE DELIVERED BY EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY
PRIOR TO OPENING OF OAU SUMMIT.

2. FYI:DEPARTMENT IS FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR
PRESENTATION PRIOR TO OAU SUMMIT IN ORDER TO COMBINE NOTI-
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FICATION OF THE LONDON TALKS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE WITH
THE CUSTOMARY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF
NIMEIRI'S BECOMING OAU CHAIRMAN. OUR EFFORTS TO INVOLVE
THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS IN THE UPCOMING LONDON TALKS
WERE EARLIER THREATENED BY SADAT'S CONCERN THAT THE SIMUL-
TANEITY OF THE TALKS AND THE OAU MEETING IN KHARTOUM
COULD BE VIEWED ASKANCE BY SADAT'S FRIEND AND ALLY PRESI-

DENT NIMEIRI. ALTHOUGH SADAT, IN THE COURSE OF HIS MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AT ALEXANDRIA, AGREED TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS, THE GOE HAS ADVISED US THAT A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WOULD BE HELPFUL TO EGYPT VIS-A-VIS GOE-GOS RELATIONS. END FYI.

3. QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY, GENERAL GAAFER MUHAMMED NIMEIRI, CHAIRMAN, ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND BEST WISHES ON THE OPENING OF THE MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND ON YOUR ACCESSION TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU AS ITS CHAIRMAN AT THIS IMPORTANT POINT IN AFRICAN HISTORY. WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE RECONCILIATION YOU ACHIEVED WITHIN YOUR OWN NATION IN RECENT YEARS. YOU HAVE CARRIED THIS SUCCESS INTO YOUR EFFORTS TO MEDIATE DISPUTES WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND TO SEEK SOLUTIONS TO CONFLICTS THAT HAVE BESET OTHER NATIONS IN THE REGION. I ESPECIALLY HAVE ADMIRERD YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS TO BRIDGE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE ARAB WORLD AS THE VARIOUS PARTIES STRIVE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THAT REGION. WE SHARE A GENUINE DESIRE TO PROMOTE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS OF CONFLICTS IN BOTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.
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AS YOU ARE AWARE, PRESIDENT SADAT HAS ACCEPTED MY INVITATION TO SEND FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL TO LONDON JULY 18-19 TO MEET WITH ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND SECRETARY VANCE. THE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING THESE TALKS CAME FROM THE UNITED STATES, BUT I AM GRATIFIED THAT BOTH THE EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL. I HOPE THAT THE LONDON MEETINGS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON A FRAMEWORK OF PRINCIPLES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT.

BOTH THE LONDON TALKS AND THE OAU SUMMIT SEEK TO SECURE AND REINFORCE PEACE. WHILE WISHING YOU AND YOUR OAU COLLEAGUES SUCCESS IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS, I ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAINTAIN YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS WE AND PRESIDENT SADAT ARE MAKING TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AS YOU CONTEND WITH THE CHALLENGES WHICH WILL FACE YOU IN THE YEAR THAT YOU PRESIDE OVER THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, YOU MAY BE ASSURED OF U.S. SUPPORT. I

EXTEND TO YOU MY MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESS-
FUL AND PRODUCTIVE TERM OF OFFICE.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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